



RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

February 19, 2014

Dry Cleaner Reimbursements for Clean-up Costs Delayed

Wisconsin dry cleaners are on notice that reimbursements for clean-up costs under the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund program (DERF) will be delayed beginning this spring. Money generated by a 2.8 percent fee on gross dry cleaning receipts, along with a solvent fee, has been used to reimburse owners and operators of dry cleaning businesses the cost of cleaning up their properties. But fee collections for the fund have fallen 40 percent since 2000. Fees for DERF have not covered the demand since late 2007, at which time reimbursements were delayed to applicants.

A \$6.2 million loan from the Environmental Improvement Fund has allowed on-time reimbursement of applicants since 2009. However, that loan is now exhausted and a payment backlog will likely begin in April 2014. Additional information about DERF can be found at dnr.wi.gov/Aid/DERF.html. The letter mailed to DERF applicants on January 30, 2014 can be at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/documents/aid/2014DERFApplicantsRevShortfall.pdf

Two Manufacturing Sites to Receive DNR-Funded Assessments

Two sites have recently joined the list of manufacturing facilities as awardees for the Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM) program. The awardees include a former foundry and a former metal fabricator (see below for details). In all, 32 manufacturing sites have been awarded funding through the WAM Contractor Services program since its inception in 2010. For more information, please visit the [WAM website](#).

Location	Facility	Site Usage	Purpose for Assessment
Sharon	Sharon Foundry	Former foundry	Assess to ready site for redevelopment by prospective manufacturing purchaser
Prairie du Chien	National Decorated Metal (aka Northern Engraving)	Former metal fabricator	Complete site investigation to prepare appropriate Remedial Action Plan and eventual redevelopment into public green space

Remediation & Redevelopment “Issues & Trends” Webinar Series Kicks Off in 2014

The RR Program at Wisconsin DNR is pleased to announce a new webinar series for 2014. These webinars will take the place of an in-person, statewide “Consultant’s Day” event, such as the one held in Stevens Point in the spring of 2013.

We plan to offer several webinars over the course of the year, with the first one scheduled for early March (details below). Webinar schedules will be announced in upcoming editions of the RR Report and on the Brownfields Training web page (<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Training.html>).

If you have a suggestion for a webinar topic, please share your idea with DNR staff. Send an email to DNRRRComments@wisconsin.gov. Explain your concerns or specific questions so that we may give it full consideration.

Some topics already being considered or planned include: hazardous waste remediation, ASTM Phase I updates, DNR’s new Continuing Obligation fillable form and new vapor intrusion outreach tools. As much as we can, we will make the webinar materials available to you in advance of each session. You may submit those materials to your professional organizations for consideration of continuing education credits.

RR Program’s First “Issues & Trends” Webinar

More than 10 years ago, DNR issued a guidance document entitled “Guidance for Hazardous Waste Remediation.” That document provided information on determining the regulatory status and management options for soil or groundwater that is, or may be, contaminated with hazardous waste. That guidance was recently updated as part of sweeping revisions to the NR 700 Rule series.

In response, the RR Program will provide a webinar for consultants and other interested individuals who are involved with cleanups of property where the contaminated media may be hazardous waste. Pre-registration is not required. Click the link below on the day and time of the event to watch the presentation; call the WisLine number to listen to the conversation.

Guidance for Hazardous Waste Remediation

March 6, 2014

Mark Gordon, WDNR

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. CST

Click to [Join the Live Meeting](#)

Audio will be provided via WisLine. Call 1-888-291-0312. Passcode: 5155-216#

The webinar will be archived for viewing and listening at your convenience.

DNR Air, Waste, Remediation & Redevelopment Program Manager Position Available

This position is responsible for assisting with the program management, coordination and implementation of the Air, Waste and Remediation & Redevelopment Programs in a geographically assigned area of the State. Some of the duties of this position include:

- represent the Air, Waste, Remediation & Redevelopment (AWaRe) Division with key constituencies
- coordinate department interaction on high profile or complicated economic development projects
- implement the Wisconsin Plant Recovery Initiative (WPRI) work within their assigned geographic area
- coordinate problem resolutions across programs within the AWaRe Division and across divisions within the assigned geographic area.
- serve as the advocate for the Green Tier program
- serve as a single point of contact for selected facilities and businesses enrolled in the program
- provide professional level policy analysis and advice on highly complex programmatic issues to meet current, emerging and future needs of the division

For more information about the [AWaRe Program Manager position](#) please visit Wisc.jobs.

Catch Brownfields News on the RR Program's News Page

The latest RR Program news can now be found on our [News Web Page](#). In addition to our own announcements, we'll occasionally feature brownfields news from other state and national sources. Bookmark the site and check in often for updates. Better yet, subscribe to DNR's Twitter page and receive updates when news is posted.

Soil RCL Document and Spreadsheets Updated

The DNR's Soil RCL Publication, RR-890, which helps environmental professionals determine soil residual contaminant levels (RCLs) in Wisconsin has been updated. The updated Soil RCL publication (dated 1/23/2014) and the accompanying spreadsheet of RCLs incorporate the November 2013 changes to the US EPA's Regional Screening Level (RSL) website. The RCL spreadsheet now has a new column with background threshold values for the soil metals that were included in the [USGS \(2012\) report on arsenic in Wisconsin surface soils](#).

With semi-annual updates on EPA's RSLs, the next update is anticipated in June 2014.

For further information about the soil RCL documents and spreadsheets please visit the RR Program [Environmental Professionals webpage](#). If you have questions please contact [Resty Pelayo](#).

Online Training Opportunities

Click the links below for more information about upcoming training sessions.

February 20 - [Green and Sustainable Remediation](#)

February 27 - [Groundwater Statistics for Environmental Project Managers](#)

March 4 - [LNAPL Part 1: An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface](#)

March 6 - [LNAPL Part 2: LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability](#)

March 11 - [LNAPL Part 3: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals](#)

March 20 - [Biofuels: Release Prevention, Environmental Behavior, and Remediation](#)